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1. A PTO form 1449 listing these documents is enclosed.

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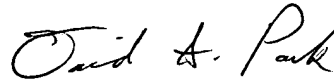
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